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Quinim's assassination and its obvious ramifications for situation in PDJ make it essential that ICC establish some presence on PDJ ASAP under whatever pretext it can develop.

In this connection UK Embassy (Ledward) April 2 showed Deptdraft message from Co-Chairmen which British intend negotiate immediately with USSR. Co-Chairmen deplore this regrettable crime and are concerned over this further recourse to violence following upon earlier assassination of Ketsana on PDJ. They appeal to all parties in Laos to exercise extreme restraint in situation arising from these assassinations. They express hope all parties ~~inclass~~ will assist in such "national and international investigations as the Government of Laos may wish to have carried out in order to find authors of these crimes." At our suggestion they are adding "and in taking such measures to prevent repercussions which might endanger the peace in Laos and jeopardize the objectives of the Geneva Agreements of 1962."

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2. UK Amb to proceed [illegible] does not take immediate action [illegible] incidents and [illegible] they have [illegible] to [illegible] murders. Amb to reply that if Co-Chairmen do not [illegible] it might be supposed that they do not [illegible] assassinations in certain cases but only in others. Reference to national or "international" investigations is meant to cover possible action by ICC since message must obviously envisage any form of action which RLG or other member of conference might ask to be taken in latest circumstance.

3. At our request HMG instructing UK Amb Moscow that one of his general objectives in this approach should be establishment some sort ICC presence PDJ. He is also to propose that UK and Soviets Ambs Vientiane confer to see what actions they could take under Art. 8.

4. FOR OTTAWA AND NEW DELHI. Please make further ~~approaches~~ approaches to respective govt at appropriate level urging them send necessary instructions to their commissioners stressing that Quinim assassination makes it matter of greatest urgency for ICC presence to make itself felt in PDJ. You may add that British making parallel effort with Co-Chairmen which ~~obviously~~ hopefully could produce Co-Chairmen message above which ICC could seize upon. This does not rpt not mean of course that ICC ~~should~~ should in any way delay its own moves pending ~~receipt~~ receipt Co-Chairmen message.

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